In the Claims

Kindly amend the claims as follows.

1-6. (cancelled).

7. (currently amended): Fluorescent diketopyrrolopyrrole represented by formula I or formula III

wherein R_1 and R_2 , independently from each other, stand for C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, allyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl or Ar_3 , or - CR_3R_4 -(CH_2)_m- Ar_3 , wherein R_3 and R_4 independently from each other stand for hydrogen_x-or C_1 - C_4 alkyl, or phenyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_3 alkyl,

Ar₃ stands for phenyl or 1- or 2-naphthyl which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, halogen or phenyl, which can be substituted with C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_1 - C_8 alkoxy one to three times, and m stands for 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4,

Ar₁ and Ar₂, independently from each other, stand for

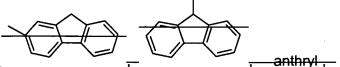
or
$$R_{5}$$
 or julodidyl,

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, which can be substituted one to four times with C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, or phenyl

or
$$\mathbb{R}_{\delta}$$

or, phenanthryl, 2- or 9-fluorenyl, or anthracenyl,



wherein

or

 R_5 , R_6 and R_7 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C_1 - C_6 alkyl, $-NR_8R_9$, $-OR_{10}$, $-S(O)_nR_8$, $-Se(O)_nR_8$, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl or C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, and n stands for 0, 1, 2 or 3,

wherein R_8 and R_9 , independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, phenyl, C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, $-CR_3R_4$ - $(CH_2)_m$ -Ph, R_{10} , wherein R_{10} stands for C_6 - C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, and m stands for 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_8 alkyl, C_1 - C_8 alkoxy, or halogen, or R_8 and R_9 stand for $-C(O)R_{11}$, wherein R_{11} can be C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, R_{10} , $-OR_{12}$ or -

 $R_{13}R_{14}$, wherein

 R_{12} , R_{13} , and R_{14} stand for C_1 - C_{25} -alkyl, C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl, C_6 - C_{24} -aryl,

 R_5 , R_6 and R_7 , independently of one another, stand for a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three

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hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein the heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C₁-C₈alkyl or C₁-C₈alkoxy, or -NR₈R₉ stands for a five- or six-membered heterocyclic radical in which R₈ and R₉ together stand for tetramethylene, pentamethylene, -CH₂-CH₂-O-CH₂-CH₂-, or -CH₂-CH₂-NR'₅-CH₂-CH₂-, and n stands for 0, 1, 2 or 3, wherein R'₅ independently from each other, stand for hydrogen, cyano, halogen, C₁-C₈alkyl, -OR₁₀, -S(O)_nR₈, -Se(O)_nR₈, or phenyl, which can be substituted one to three times with C₁-C₈alkyl or C₁-C₈alkoxy, and n stands for 0,1,2,3, and wherein Z stands for a diradical selected from the group consisting of a single bond, C₂-

 C_6 alkylene, which can be substituted one to three times with C_1 - C_4 alkyl, C_1 - C_4 alkoxy, or phenyl, phenylene or naphthylene, with the proviso that R_6 and R_7 do not stand simultaneously for hydrogen.

8-12. (cancelled).

13. (previously presented): A compound according to the formulae

14. (withdrawn): A compound selected from the group consisting of

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15. (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 16 of formula I

$$Ar_{2}$$

$$R_{1}$$

$$R_{1}$$

wherein R_1 and R_2 are C_1 - C_8 alkyl, Ar_1 and Ar_2 are a group of formula and R_9 are C_4 - C_8 alkyl or phenyl.

$$R_9$$
 , wherein R_8

16. (withdrawn): A compound of formula I

$$Ar_2$$
 Ar_1
 R_1
, wherein

$$-$$
R₇

 R_1 and R_2 are C_1 - C_8 alkyl, or - $(CH_2)_m$ -Ph, <u>and Ar_1</u> and Ar_2 are a group of formula , wherein R_7 is - OR_{107} -N(R_8)₂ or unsubstituted or substituted phenyl, wherein R_{10} stands for C_6 - C_{24} -aryl, or a saturated or unsaturated heterocyclic radical comprising five to seven ring atoms, wherein the ring consists of carbon atoms and one to three hetero atoms selected from the group consisting of

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nitrogen, oxygen and sulfur, wherein Ph, the aryl and heterocyclic radical can be substituted one to three times with C_4 - C_8 alkyl, C_4 - C_8 alkoxy, or halogen and wherein R_8 is C_4 - C_8 alkyl, phenyl or a heterocyclic radical, both unsubstituted or substituted, or C_5 - C_{12} -cycloalkyl.

17. (withdrawn): A compound according to claim 7 of formula I

, wherein

R₁ and R₂ are -CH₂-Ph, wherein phenyl can be substituted with phenyl, naphthyl or C₁-C₄alkyl up to

two times, Ar₁ and Ar₂ are a group of formula group of formula

$$R_7$$
 , or , wherein R_7 is hydrogen or OMe.

18-21. (cancelled).